ACADEMIC ALERT #2009-22

DATE: **December, 2009**

DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)**

Revised General Education Requirements for B.A. Social Science

RATIONALE:
The revised general education requirements will apply to both on-campus traditional and off-campus cohort delivery models for the B.A. Social Science program. The revision reduces the general education requirements from 69 QH to 60 QH, thereby increasing the ease by which transfer students can transition to NLU. In addition to easing transfer, this change is also important as it brings the Social Science program into alignment with the NLU general education minimum requirements. This is consistent with NLU's and CAS's goals of increasing enrollment and creating partnerships with community colleges. The BA Social Science and BA Political Science general education requirements will be identical.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: December 17, 2009

PROGRAM AUTHORIZATIONS: B.A. Social Science is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban and South Metropolitan.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Winter Term, 2010

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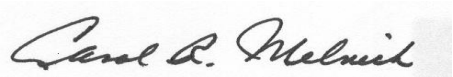

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Revised General Education Requirements from 69 QH to 60 QH

General Education Area	Existing Requirements	Revised Requirements
Communication	LAE 101 English Composition I 5 QH LAE 102 English Composition II 5 QH	LAE 101 English Composition I 5 QH LAE 102 English Composition II 5 QH LAT 210 Effective Speaking 5 QH
Humanities	Philosophy elective 5 QH	1 Philosophy course 5 QH
Fine Arts	LAA 110 Introduction to Art or Art elective 2 QH LAU 110 Introduction to Music or Music Elective 2 QH	Fine Arts course(s) 5 QH
Quantitative Reasoning	LAM 110 College Mathematics/Application of Mathematical Ideas 5 QH LAM 106 Basic Statistics OR LAM 216 Statistical Methods 5 QH	LAM 110 College Mathematics/Application of Mathematical Ideas 5 QH LAM 106 Basic Statistics OR LAM 216 Statistical Methods 5 QH
Physical and Life Sciences	LAN 110 General Biology 5 QH LAN 150 Survey of Physical Science 5 QH Science Elective 5 QH	Life science course 5 QH Physical science course 5 QH
Social Sciences	Introductory Social Science Course 5 QH LAS 200 US History and Culture: 1492- 1828 OR LAS 201 US History and Culture: 1828-1898 OR LAS 203 US History and Culture: 1898- Present 5 QH LAS 300 Contemporary World Cultures 5 QH	Introductory Social Science Course 5 QH 1 US History course 5 QH
Behavioral Sciences	LAP 100 General Psychology 5 QH	LAP 100 General Psychology 5 QH
Additional General Education	English, speech, or drama elective 5 QH	
TOTAL	69 QH	60 QH

General Education Requirements 60QH for Catalog
1. Communications
LAE101 English Composition I 5
LAE102 English Composition II 5
LAT 210 Effective Speaking 5

2. Humanities
1 Philosophy course 5

3. Fine Arts
Fine Arts course(s) 5

4. Quantitative Reasoning
LAM110 College Mathematics/Application of Mathematical Ideas 5
LAM106 Basic Statistics OR
LAM216 Statistical Methods 5

5. Physical and Life Sciences
Life science course 5
Physical science course 5

6. Social Science
Introductory Social Science Course 5
1 US History course 5

7. Behavioral Science
LAP100 General Psychology 5

Implementation

Changes need to be entered in the appropriate NLU web pages, especially the Transfer Guide pages.

The Office of Admission and Records (OAR), and staff in Enrollment, Recruitment, and Marketing need to be knowledgeable about the changes.

The revised catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2010-2011.